

Local Smelting Co. Supplies Slab Zinc

A Torrance industry since the late 1920s, the Pacific Smelting Co., 2219 Western Ave., is one of the primary suppliers of slab zinc to steel mills, brass alloyers, job galvanizers, and water heater

manufacturers on the Pacific Coast and in the western states.

The company is a secondary smelter recovering by distillation of zinc scrap and zinc residues a high purity slab zinc which can be alloyed or converted to chemicals.

Heading up Pacific Smelting is Jack Schwartz, a veteran of the secondary smelting business on the West Coast. He started as an office boy for the Great Western Smelting Co. in San Francisco in 1910.

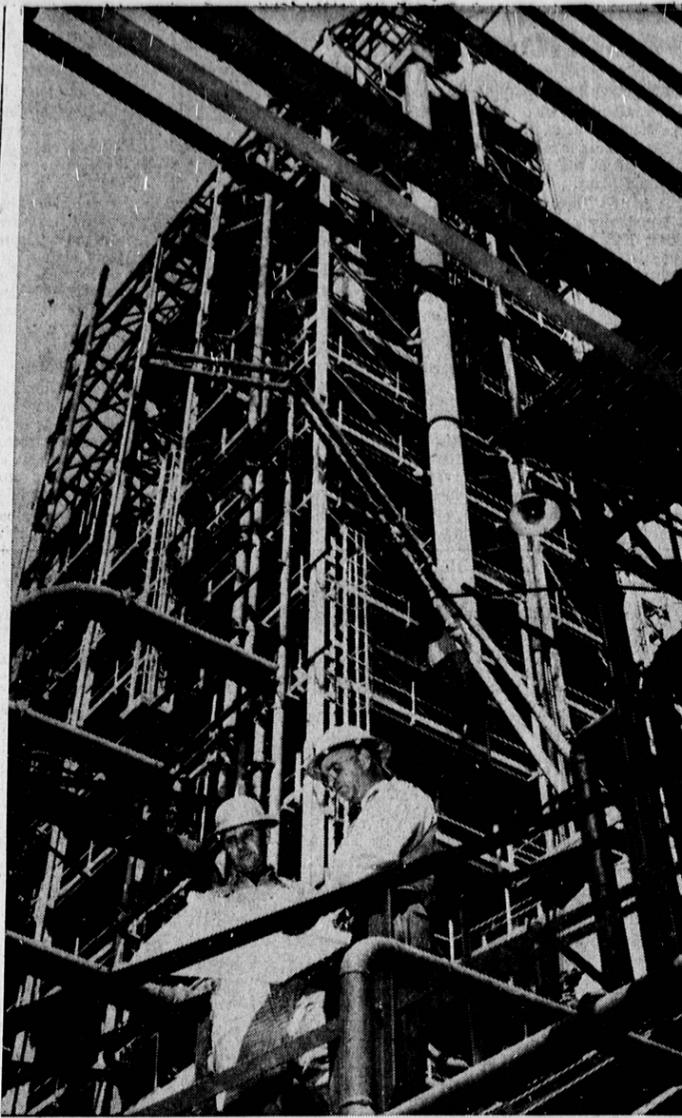
In 1943, he bought the Pacific Smelting Co. in Torrance with his son, Maurice, who is president of the company. Other officers include Julian I. Schwartz, vice president; John O. Schmidt, vice president; Allen Klatzker, secretary; and Mrs. Jack Schwartz, treasurer.

The business has grown to the point where operations are conducted on a 24-hour a day basis, seven days a week. The physical plant occupies an area nearly eight acres in size.

VA to Check Vet Claims

Disabled veterans whose claims for compensation benefits were denied following World War II may have good news in store for them, the Disabled American Veterans has reported.

Henry Montoya, commander of the South Bay Chapter 92 of DAV, said that as a result of the DAV work on the matter, veterans whose claims are currently being reviewed under a new unwritten "get tough" policy of the Veterans Administration, will include those who were denied compensation benefits after the war.



PROGRESS CHECK . . . Stillman and engineer discuss modified flow chart for the Thermofor Catalytic Cracker process at the General Petroleum Mobilgas refinery in Torrance. The TCC unit is in the background. The Torrance refinery is one of the city's largest industries and has contributed greatly to the city's growth through its physical plant and through the leadership provided by its personnel.

5 Tuberculosis Cases Reported in This Area

Five cases of tuberculosis headed the list of diseases in the Torrance health area during the week ending April 12, according to the County Health Department.

Other diseases included three cases of scarlet fever and mumps, two of syphilis, and one of measles and streptococcal infection.

Mobilgas Refinery Is Symbol Of City's Tremendous Growth

A refinery to the casual passer-by is a mammoth collection of towers, pipes, cold, austere, lacking the human touch. Appearances, fortunately, are misleading.

General Petroleum Corporation's refinery on 190th St. is a symbol of Torrance's growth and stature as a city—an All-America City. The refinery has been a part of the community since 1927 and has accepted civic responsibilities as a good citizen.

More than 1300 employees emphasize the fact that people are the most important part of a refinery, for without them the scores of thousands of barrels of crude oil which arrive at the refinery daily could never be processed and turned into useful energy products.

Manager Since 1949

Head man at the refinery is A. E. ("Tommy") Thompson, who has been manager since 1949. Thompson, a native of Fredericktown, Mo., came to General Petroleum as a junior inspector after his graduation in 1934 from the California Institute of Technology.

He advanced through several company positions before being promoted to assistant manager of the refinery in 1945.

Not content merely to perform the exacting duties as manager, Thompson is active in civic affairs. He is immediate past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, member of the board of directors of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, and is prominent in the activities of the Torrance Rotary Club, Palos Verdes Breakfast Club, and the Petroleum Club of Los Angeles.

Aids Scouts

Thompson also is a member of the American Petroleum Institute, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and is a registered chemical engineer.

He has assisted such groups as the Boy Scouts of America, Community Chest, and Red Cross in executive positions.

It is an impressive list of devoted civic endeavor. But Thompson is not alone among the people of General Petroleum who expound and practice the virtues of civic activities.

P. S. Magruder, executive vice president, was honored by the school board last year when it decided to name a new school after him.

Headed Fund Drive

R. I. Plomert Jr., manager of the property tax department, also is a past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. He has devoted many years to local activities. He headed the industrial drive for funds for the Little Company of Mary Hospital and is serving as chairman of the hospital's advisory council.

The company, too, participates in community endeavor. It is an active sponsor of Junior Achievement, whereby high school students learn the world of business by being in business. Company employees serve as voluntary advisors. James H. Watters, R. D. Mc-

Mahan and W. H. Copenhagen are the present participants at Torrance.

General Petroleum also sponsors the world-famed Mobilgas Economy Run, which this year covered more than 2000 miles from Los Angeles to Galveston, Texas. For the junior drivers the company sponsors Safety Economy Runs at high schools. They, like the Mobilgas Economy Run, emphasize safe and economical operation of automobiles as opposed to speed.

Another Skyscraper General Petroleum recently

completed another "skyscraper," the 12,000-barrel daily catalytic reformer, which treats gasoline at high pressure and high temperature in the presence of a platinum catalyst, thereby improving product quality. The tallest part of the reformer is 130 feet.

This collection of towers and pipes, called the Torrance Mobilgas Refinery, is many things. The people who work there are proud of the products they produce and of the community in which they work.

Marineland of Pacific to Open Large New Sea Arena on July 1

A huge, outdoor aquatic amphitheater, which will more than double the present crowd capacity of Marineland of the Pacific at Palos Verdes, will be completed and opened by July 1, according to William F. Monahan, vice president and general manager of the world's largest oceanarium.

The new addition, to be known as a "Sea Arena," is being built at a cost of \$500,000. It has been under construction since last Nov. 25.

The new facility will seat 3000 people in a semicircular stadium facing a 500,000-gallon tank which is 120 feet long and 60 feet long and 60 feet wide. The stage, equipped with the most modern lighting and sound devices, is approximately the size of the usable area of the Hollywood Bowl stage.

Porpoises to Move

"Zippy," "Splash," and "Smiley," the porpoises who have become world famous for their merry antics and phenomenal tricks, will be moved to the new sea arena from their present tank on the top level of the oceanarium. The trio will be joined by three additional porpoises in an expanded show which will include several new tricks and games.

Sharing the new facilities will be a troupe of trained seals which will feature a high diving act from a rock pile at the far end of the pool. Other star performers will be added to make the new arena the center of Marineland's "Sea Circus."

The new installation will have two holding tanks, each 20 feet in diameter and five feet deep. The holding tanks adjoining the main tank, will be used for quarters of the porpoises, seals and other mammals which will perform in the Sea Arena.

Underwater Ports

In one side of the main tank there will be underwater ports which can be used for motion picture photography and which will be available for commercial use.

The sea arena also will have complete dressing room facilities, rest rooms and other appointments so that it will serve equally well for daily operation of Marineland shows and also for special

events, which could even include full-scale theatrical productions.

When the new arena is open, Marineland's star attraction, "Bubbles," the only whale in captivity in the world, will be moved from her present abode to the bigger tank now occupied by the porpoises. Not only will the relocation enable scientists to study the whale more closely, but also will make possible the housing of a new whale.

Mate Sought

Monahan announced that he intends to search for a mate for "Bubbles" as soon as the new sea arena is in operation.

The over-all expansion will double Marineland's accommodations for visitors, making the new capacity approximately 25,000 per day. An extension of the snack bar was recently completed as was a new Marineland gift shop. Picnic areas have been relocated and expanded and new exhibit areas have been provided.

Construction was under the Paul W. Spear Construction Co. Architecture and engineering was provided by Pereira and Luckman.

Teenagers to Learn Radio Techniques

In an attempt to provide as much recreation to as many people in this area, the Torrance recreation department is following through on its teenage radio workshop.

The second program, being held every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the municipal plunge, is a course in basic radio engineering.

Such things as disc jockey procedures, program timing, care and operation of equipment, and script writing and reading will be taught.

Ed Novak will again be the coordinator of the program for the recreation department. As part of the program, the group will rewrite scripts and go through all the techniques of putting on a radio program.

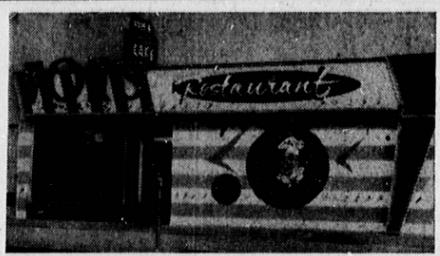
Commission Members Get Pay Schedule

A move to pay members of the city's five commissions \$10 a meeting beginning July 1 won approval of the city council in a split vote here this week.

Proposed by Mayor Albert Isen, the city's 31 lay members of commissions would receive \$10 per meeting not to exceed two meetings per month. The members of the planning, airport, library, and recreation commissions and the civil service board will be paid under the plan.

Cost of the program will be a maximum of \$7440 a year, and will be included in the 1958-59 budget according to the vote of the council.

Opposing the plan were Councilmen Willys Blount, George Bradford, and Robert Jahn.



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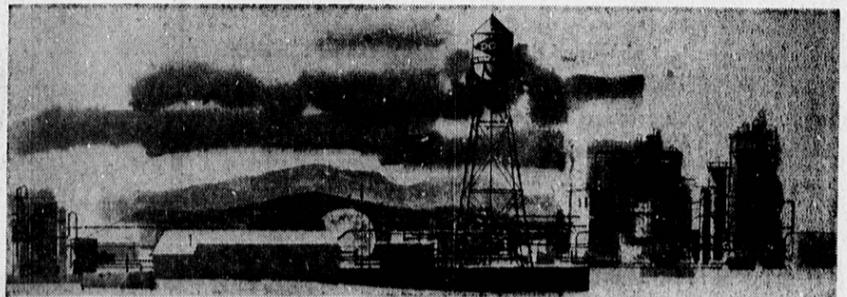
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Time has shown that the match was a good one. Dow has grown with California, and is now busy in several West Coast locations, more than living up to the promise that has been apparent in the past.

A good example of present-day accomplishment and future promise lies in the Western Division plant at Torrance.

Built on a 50-acre tract just a few years ago, the Torrance Plant's production of plastics already is an important addition to Southern California's industrial picture, as well as to the Dow family in the West.

If the past is meaningful and the present is impressive, the future is hopeful. California, after all, will continue to progress. And Dow plans to progress with it.

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